

Ellendale Area

Working Group Meeting No. 4

February 22, 2005



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Agenda

- **7:00 Call Meeting to Order** **Bob Kramer**
- **7:05 Opening Remarks** **Monroe Hite, III**

- **7:15 Briefing/ Group Discussion**
(Comments / Plan Changes / Alternatives Retained Process) **Working Group-
Joe Wutka**
 - **On-Alignment Alternatives**

- **8:00 Third Lane Option**
- **8:15 Next Steps / Closing Remarks** **Monroe Hite, III**
- **8:30 Adjourn** **Bob Kramer**



Project Notebook

- **Tab 1: PowerPoint Slides**
- **Tab 2: Oct 19, 2004 Working Group Meeting Summary**
- **Tab 3: Public Workshop Package**
- **Tab 4: Oct 12, 2004 & Jan 13, 2005 Agency Meeting Summaries**
- **Tab 5: Plan Changes / Third Lane Option**
- **Tab 6: Updated Matrix**
- **Tab 7: Project Calendar**



Project Meetings & Workshops

- Sep 13, 2004 Ellendale Area Working Group Meeting No. 2
- Sep 20, 2004 Milford Area Working Group Meeting No. 4
- Sep 29, 2004 Millsboro-South Area Working Group Meeting No. 4
- Sep 30, 2004 Georgetown Area Working Group Meeting No. 4
- Oct 14, 2004 JPR Meeting (Environmental Resource Agencies Meeting)
- Oct 18, 2004 Georgetown Area Working Group Meeting No. 5
- Oct 19, 2004 Ellendale Area Working Group Meeting No. 3
- Oct 25, 2004 Milford Area Working Group Meeting No. 5
- Oct 26, 2004 Millsboro-South Area Working Meeting No. 5
- Nov 08, 2004 Milford Area Public Workshop No. 3
- Nov 09, 2004 Georgetown Area Public Workshop No. 3
- Nov 15, 2004 Millsboro-South Area Public Workshop No. 3 (Millsboro)
- Nov 16, 2004 Selbyville Area Public Workshop No. 1 (Selbyville)
- Nov 18, 2004 Ellendale Area Public Workshop No. 1
- Jan 13, 2005 JPR Meeting (Environmental Resource Agencies Meeting)



Recent Project Team Meetings

- **Dec 06, 2004:** Mountaire Farms (Millsboro)
- **Dec 06, 2004:** Ellendale Comp. Plan
- **Dec 15, 2004:** First State Chevrolet (Georgetown)
- **Jan 12, 2005:** Dagsboro Church of God
- **Feb 18, 2005:** Seacoast Speedway (Sussex County / Georgetown)



Upcoming Meetings

- **Feb 24, 2005:** **Georgetown Area Working Group Meeting No. 6**
 - 5:30 – 8:30 PM at CHEER Community Center
20520 Sand Hill Road, Georgetown
- **Feb 28, 2005:** **Milford Area Working Group Meeting No. 6**
 - 5:30 – 8:30 PM at Carlisle Fire Company, Banquet Hall
615 N.W. Front Street, Milford
- **Mar 02, 2005:** **Millsboro-South Area Working Group Meeting No. 6**
 - 5:30 – 8:30 PM at Millsboro Fire Company, Dining Hall
109 E. State Street, Millsboro
- **Apr 26, 2005:** **Ellendale Area Working Group Meeting No. 5**
 - 7:00 – 8:30 PM at Ellendale Volunteer Fire Company,
302 Main Street, Ellendale



Traffic and Safety

- Existing Data & Supplement / Update
 - weekday commuters
 - weekend / seasonal
 - local / regional
- What & Where
 - local congestion
 - regional bottlenecks
- Safety Factors
 - statistics
 - reports
 - firsthand knowledge

Stakeholder Input

- Listening Tour / Interviews
- Working Groups
- Elected and Government Officials
- Public Workshops
- Groups with Special Interests
- Those Most Directly Affected
- Document Key Issues

Environmental Resources & Land Use

- Environmental Resources Inventory
- Land Use – Recent Trends & Projections
- Environmental Process (MATE)
- Permits

Resource Agencies
Working Groups
General Public

Products

- Purpose and Need
- Project Vision, Goals and Objectives
- Alternatives Development / Assessment
- Detailed Alternatives / Assessment
- Alternatives (Preferred) / Draft Environmental Documents
- Selected Alternative / Final Environmental Documents
- Implementation –
 - Protect Selected Alignments
 - Program / Prioritization of Improvements
 - Short-Term Operational Improvements
 - Mid-Term Improvements (CTP)
 - Longer-Term Improvements



Stakeholder Input:

Oct 19, 2004 - Working Group Comments - Working Group Meeting #3

Nov 18, 2004 - Public Comments - Public Workshop #1

Jan 13, 2005 - Agency Comments

Nov. 18, 2004 Public Workshop

- **55 signed-in at the Fire House**
- **Copy of the comments from all five workshops provided in hand-out package (Tab#3)**



Working Group Comments Oct 19, 2004	Public Workshop Comments Nov 18, 2004	Agency Comments Jan 13, 2005
<p>Agricultural vehicle access, particularly across 113;</p> <p>Why not just add third lane to US 113?</p> <p>Credibility of Long Range Traffic, growth and development projections;</p> <p>When will this be done?</p> <p>Will a program be put in place to purchase the needed right-of-way, Development/ Access rights etc.?</p> <p>This is being done to get people to the beach faster at the expense of the locals;</p> <p>It is possible that development growth would be encouraged by improving US 113;</p> <p>You need to plan now for the future;</p> <p>Road 213 and other local roads are a more pressing issue for Ellendale than US 113.</p>	<p>Do not finalize a decision on the N/S until completion of the E/W Feasibility Study;</p> <p>Consider a limited Western Bypass of US 113 in the immediate Ellendale Area.</p>	<p>Extent and nature of impacts overriding concern;</p> <p>Avoid impacts where possible;</p> <p>Minimize impacts when unavoidable.</p>



Alternatives to be Retained for Detailed Study:

No-Build – required by law

CEQ Regulation 40CFR 1502.14 (d)



Public Workshop Comments Nov 18, 2004	Working Group Comments Oct 19, 2004	Agency Comments Jan 13, 2005
<p>For the Working Group and the Public, in general, an on-alignment approach is reasonable;</p> <p>Improvements to Road 213 should be evaluated and recommended in the near-term;</p> <p>Issues of timing and a program to acquire right-of-way, Access/ Development rights, etc. needs to be developed with greater detail and presented.</p>		<p>Extent and Nature of impacts extremely important;</p> <p>Preference for On-Alignment Approach;</p> <p>A combination of Options 1 & 2, minimizing natural and cultural resource impacts, appears feasible.</p>



Working Group Comments Oct 19, 2004	Public Workshop Comments Nov 18, 2004	Agency Comments Jan 13, 2005
<p><u>General</u></p> <p>Comments dealt, almost exclusively, with specific issues;</p> <p>Fleatown/Staytonville road overpass of US 113 and its impact of properties on the north side of Fleatown Road;</p> <p>The connection of VFW Road to 113;</p> <p>The impact to the businesses at the 113/16 intersection with the construction of a grade separation.</p>	<p><u>General</u></p> <p>Written and Map comments addressed, almost exclusively, specific plan issues:</p> <p>Raise and widen stream crossings to accommodate wildlife passage;</p> <p>move SB ramps at Road 213 overpass to minimize agricultural impacts;</p> <p>Sharon's Road does not need to be cul-de-saced.</p>	<p>A combination of Option 1 north of Ellendale with Option 2 south of Ellendale appears to minimize impacts and could be acceptable to the resource agencies;</p> <p>Avoid impacts to Teddy's Tavern and the roadside picnic facility in the Ellendale State Forest. Both are eligible for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places.</p>



Alternatives to be Retained for Detailed Study:

On-Alignment Options – Retain 1 or both Options?

- **If 1, which Option? (1, 2 or combination)**



Third Lane Option

- Add third lane, each direction, at grade, to provide additional capacity
- Additional NB lane constructed in median
- Additional SB lane constructed on west side of existing SB lanes
- Preserve the ability to grade separate Route 16



Next Steps

- **Apr:** **Resource Agencies provide input on Alternatives to be Retained for Detailed Study (April 14, 2005)**

- **Apr:** **Working Group Meeting #5 – develop recommendations on Third Lane Option (April 26, 2005)**

- **May:** **Public Workshop #2 – Present recommendations on Alternatives to be Retained for Detailed Study and those options recommended to be dropped**



Next Working Group Meeting

- **Agenda:** **Third Lane Option**
- **Date:** **April 26, 2005**
- **Time:** **7:00 – 8:30 PM**
- **Location:** **Ellendale Fire Company, 302 Main Street, Ellendale**

